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PATENT APPLICATION  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN APPLICATION OF )  
GERHARD GILLE ET AL ) Group 1742  
SERIAL NO.: 09/831,567 )  
FILED: MAY 10, 2001 ) EXAMINER: H. WILKINS III  
TITLE: METHOD FOR PRODUCING )  
WOLFRAM CARBIDES BY )  
GAS-PHASE CARBURETION )

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(A)**

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Appellants, by the undersigned attorney, respectfully petition the Commissioner for Patents under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for filing their response so that the APPEAL BRIEF filed simultaneously with this Petition will be considered timely filed.

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Commissioner for Patents, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on December 29, 2003.

Date  
Docket No. 38-441

Name of applicant, assignee or Registered Representative

Signature

December 29, 2003  
Date

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Respectfully submitted,

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